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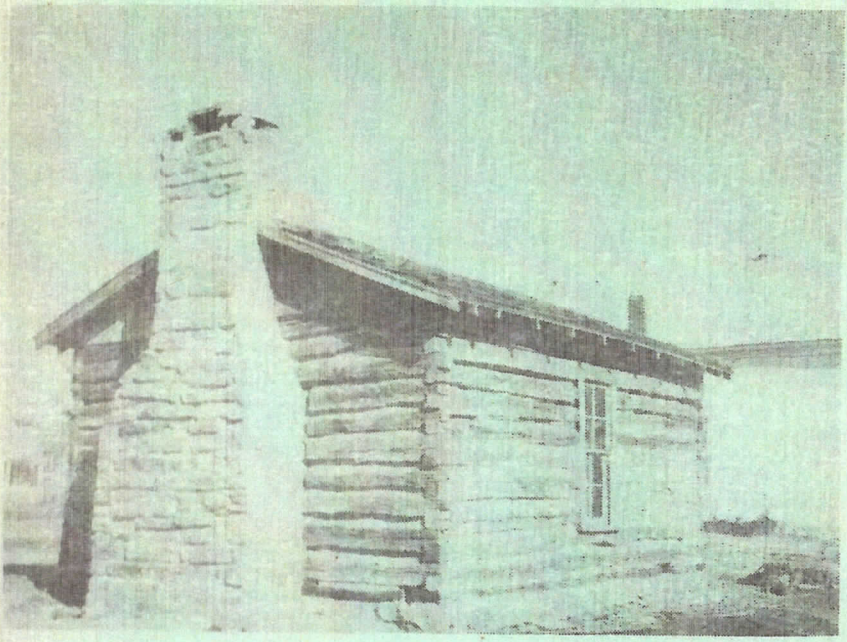

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Editor's Notes —

The subscription of the most of the subscribers to "In The Beginning" renews with this issue. To remind our readers of their subscription we will try and place the red mark in a box above.

While the margin is rather slim, we are going into another year with the same price, $2.50 a year.

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The log cabin to the west of the Woodson County Historical Museum, has been attracting quite a lot of attention. The logs from the Daniel Cabin on Big Sandy Creek has been restored and the stone fireplace from the Askren cabin on Turkey Creek has been restored on west end of the Daniel cabin makes quite a combination of pioneer building.

While the Woodson County Historical Society furnished the site for the cabin and will have the task of caring for it, the Woodson County Bicentennial Committee was responsible for the project that was responsible for the moving and rebuilding of the parts of the two old pioneer cabins.

The Yates Center National Guard was responsible for the dismantling of the stone fireplace and bringing it to Yates Center. Eight Guardsmen took part.

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The cover picture is the Daniel log cabin and the Askren stone fire place as they look after erecting. The Woodson County Historical Museum is to the right of the picture. The door is on the north side and the picture is taken from the southwest corner.

J. Richard Pringle donated the cabin, and Russell Ibbetson and sons the fireplace. The Bicentennial Committee that promoted this log cabin project were Kenneth Stockebrand, chairman, Leo Collins and Elmer F. Krueger, Robert Town was head carpenter on cabin. M. E. Culbertson built the fireplace. With 30 other volunteers.

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WOODSON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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Over 700 persons registered at the Woodson County Historical Museum during the 1976 season. Besides from many towns and cities in Kansas, they came from 24 different states that included, Mo., Texas, Okla., Florida, Ariz., Utah, Georgia, N. Hampshire, Iowa, Colo., Washington, Arkansas, Tenn., Miss., Maryland, Mich., Penn., Conn., Montana, Ore., Calif., Indiana.

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Forty-six pupils of the 8th grade from the Yates Center Elementary school toured the Museum in October. They came in groups of 12, and each pupil was supposed to pick out three articles or subjects and write about them and later at school tell something about their subject. They were a very quiet and orderly group as they toured the different parts of the Museum in their selection of what to tell about.

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The November meeting of the Woodson County Historical Society was held in the west dining room of the Woodson House, Tuesday evening, November 16, 1976. Due to conflicting meetings the same night the group was smaller than usual with 33 being present.

Sharon Stout manager of the Chanute area of the Bell Telephone Co., was the guest speaker. She told of what to expect over the telephone service in the future. It was a very interesting talk to the entire group.

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The National Honor Society of the Yates Center High School toured the Museum, Friday afternoon Nov. 19, 1976. There were 22 members and two sponsors spent a short period in the Museum. The students seemed to take quite an interest in many of the exhibits.

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In Memorian

Mrs. Lonella Hanson Swope 87 Nov. 24, 1976

Mrs. Swope was a native of Woodson County, and spent the most of her life here. She had been a member of the Woodson County Historical Society since 1968.

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THE CANTRELL FAMILIES –

Four generations in the hay business in Woodson Co. is a part of the story of the Cantrell family.

Josiah S. Cantrell was born in Dade Co., Missouri, May 11, 1855. In 1876, when he was about 21 years old he moved to Ft. Scott. Here he met a young lady, Miss Clara Alice Martin, whom he was married to on Nov. 1, 1877.

Clara Alice Martin was born near Ft. Scott, Kans. September 18, 1861. Her parents were Harrison and Mary Ann Martin.

For several years J. S. and Clara A., lived near Ft. Scott in Bourbon County. Here their oldest son Vestus Seward (V.S.) was born, March 8, 1881. Three years later, in 1884, the Cantrell family moved to Woodson County.

They first settled on what was known as the Carpenter Ranch along Duck Creek in northwest Woodson Co. Here another child was born to them, but died in infancy and was buried in the Askren Cemetery, but later removed to the Yates Center Cemetery.

After farming and handling livestock here, J. S. Cantrell moved to the Vernon vicinity. In 1890 he purchased the southwest quarter of section 6-Twp. 24, R. 16. This Cantrell farm along upper Cherry Creek with its large bank barn and commodious house with three gables on the south and one each the west and east sides, became rather a show place in the vicinity.

Here two more children were born to Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Cantrell. Joseph Stanley, and Edith Pearl.

Clara Alice and Josiah S. Cantrell

J.S. Cantrell was a successful farmer, livestock and hay dealer. Mrs. Clara Cantrell passed away in 1920. After several years J.S. remarried and moved to Kansas City, where he died in 1940. Both Mr. and Mrs. Cantrell are buried in the Yates Center Cemetery, as is her mother, Mary Ann Martin.

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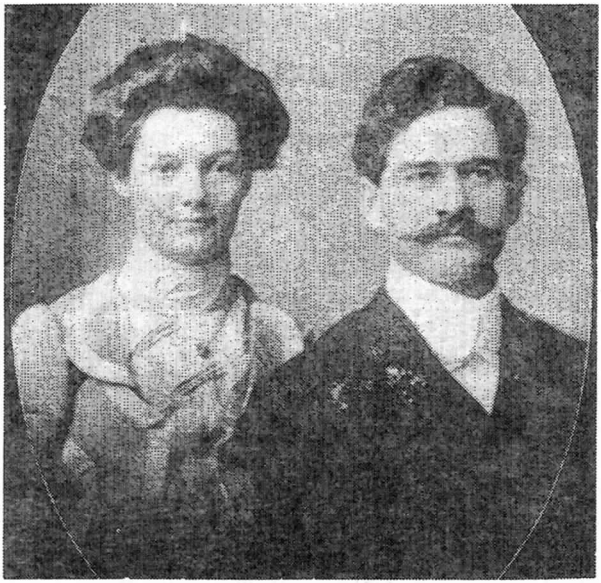
We will now take up the children of J.S. and Clara A. Cantrell. Vestus S. Cantrell was born near Ft. Scott in Bourbon Co. "Vessie" was the name he was better known by, was about 8 years old when his parents moved to the Vernon community, and lived there the rest of his life.

On October 2, 1902, Vestus Cantrell was married to Miss Edith Agnes Goff, who was born in Woodson Co., Sept. 23, 1882. Her parents were Wm. and Lydia Alice Goff. They lived in the Pleasant View community north of Yates Center. Mrs. Goff died Dec. 31, 1888, and is buried in the Pleasant View (Dutro) Cemetery. Wm. Goff was a native of N. Carolina. Sometime after his wife's death he moved to Colorado. Edith Goff was a school teacher before her marriage to Vessie Cantrell.



Wedding picture of Vestus and Edith Cantrell.

They were the parents of five children namely, Alice Patricia, born July 18, 1903; Loyd E. June 13, 1907; Joseph Loren and Lynn William, twins were born Feb. 18, 1914; Marguarite, April 27, 1916.

All were born near Vernon.

Alice Patricia was married to Richard M. Lamb, March 17, 1923. Their children are, Richard Merideth Lamb, Jr., Shirley Alice, William Goff, Janice Marguarite, and Lois Patricia.

Lloyd E., married to Lucille Fry, March 31, 1940. Lloyd died November 14, 1961 at Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Lynn Wm., married Gail Redfearn, December 28, 1941. Their children are, Marlyn Craig and Candra Loy.

Joseph Loren married Jane Villard. They had a daughter, Tasha Lynne. Later he was married to Rita Y. Jones. They have a son Joseph Loren, Jr. who was born on February 18, 1953.

Marguarite married Richard Trueblood. They had a daughter, Sherry. Later she was married to Nelson Davidson, August 16, 1948. Their children were, Sandy Sue, Van Loren, and Janet.

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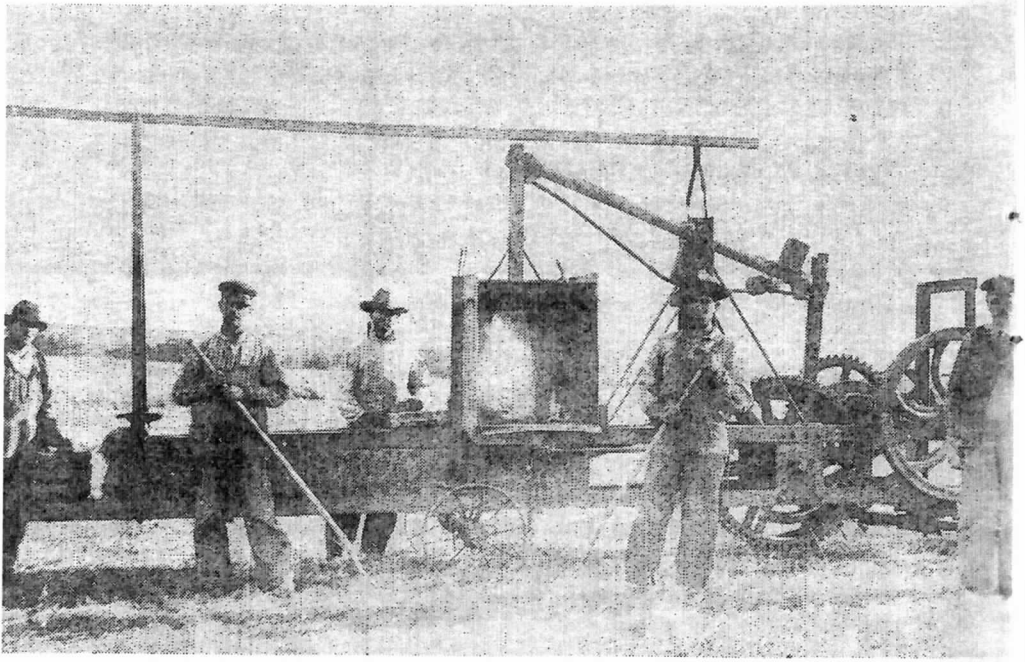
While V.S. Cantrell did some farming and handled livestock, the baling, dealing and shipping baled prairie hay seemed to be best what he was known for. After several years living on different farms, the Vessie Cantrell family moved to what has been known for years as the Cantrell farm. The farm is a couple of miles west of Vernon on the south side of the road - the N.E. quarter of section 7, Twp. 24, R. 16.

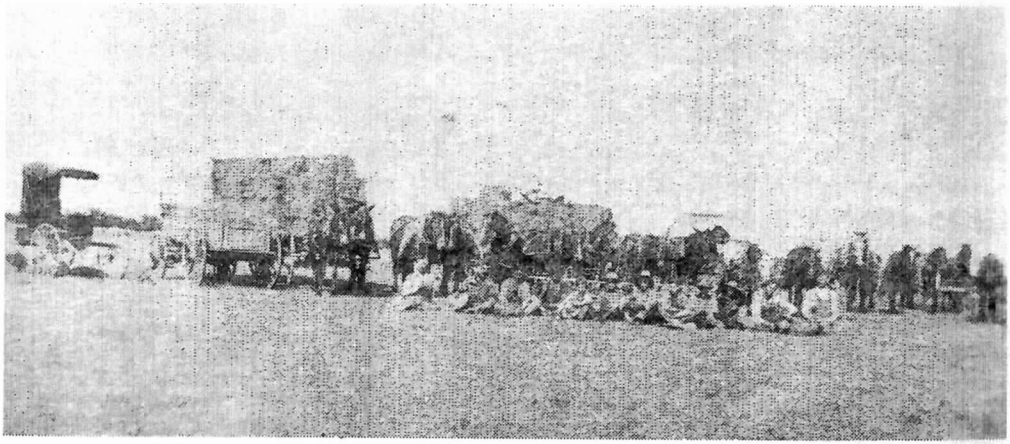
An article written by V.S. Cantrell, appeared in the Yates Center News, April 16, 1959, but had been written two years earlier. It was called "70 Years in the Hay Business," and Mr. Cantrell told about the several different hay balers that had been used during that time. Not only did he work on most of the makes from the half circle foot-feed to the mechanized ones, but he helped design and make one.

Sometime around the turn of the century there was a blacksmith at Vernon named George Tucker, and Vessie Cantrell, got the idea of a power baler and started working on it. The large fly wheels were made at a foundry at Iola. These presses were made around 1910, and after about a year's time they had one ready to go.

Mr. Cantrell wrote, "We made several and I ran one for five years and baled a lot of hay, as much as any press out at that time. However, machinery was coming out and being improved pretty fast at that time, so I just bought the improved machinery and let our patent go." They had been offered quite a good sum for their patent at one time.

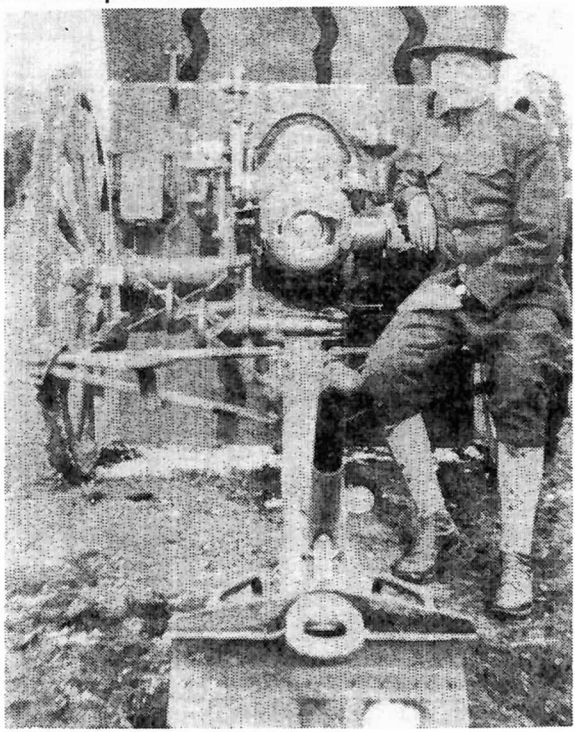


One of the V.S. Cantrell hay crews with one of the Tucker Hay balers made at Vernon. The crew from the left is Joe Adams, Lew Turner, V.S. Cantrell behind the baler, other man with fork is Harry Cummings. The man on extreme right is Goble, who was evidently the buck rake operator.



A full Vessie Cantrell hay crew showing how many men and boys (12), horses and mules (20), it took to mow, sulkey rake, buck rake, bale and put a bale of hay in the barn.

Joseph Stanley Cantrell was born August 23, 1892 near Vernon, and spent the forepart of his life on the farm of his father.



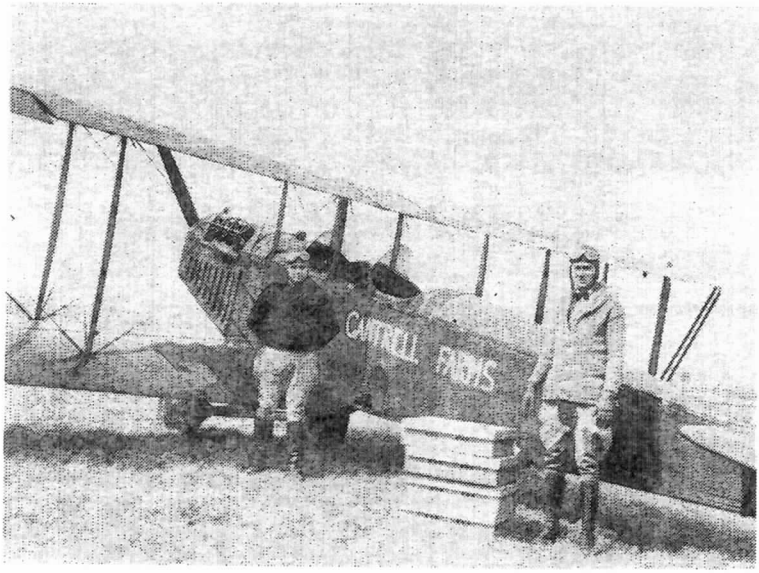
During World War I, Stanley was a Corporal in Battery C, 28th Field Artillery.

On February 3, 1920, Stanley Cantrell was married to Miss Clarissa Stephenson.

The early part of their married life was on the farm of his father J.S. Cantrell. Here they opened and operated one of the first if not the first chicken hatchery in Woodson County. Here they established a going chicken hatchery. In 1926, in order to expand their business they moved the hatchery to Yates Center into the old stone church building that is now the Woodson County Historical Museum.

Here their hatchery business grew and a small cub plane was used to carry some of their chickens. A nephew, Lloyd Cantrell was quite an aviator sold the plane to Stanley and taught him to fly it.

On June 28, 1937, while on an outing with a group of friends, Stanley was accidently drowned in the Neosho River. More of this is told about Stanley and his wife Clarissa in the January, 1975 issue of "In The Beginning."



This picture of Lloyd Cantrell, left and his uncle Stanley Cantrell was taken by the plane used in delivering the Cantrell Farms baby chicks.

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Returning from the service in World War 2, Loren Cantrell became manager of the Cantrell Motor Co. and Lynn took over the management of the Cantrell Hay Co. Lynn's son Craig Cantrell, became a member of the Cantrell Hay Co., and makes the fourth generation in the business in Woodson County.

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Wm. Cantrell, father of Josiah S. Cantrell, was evidently born in Kentucky, in Feb., 1813. There he married Margaret Ann Long, March 15, 1838. Not long after they were married, they and perhaps some children started out by horseback. They stopped near Greenfield, Mo., where he obtained some land. During the Civil War, Wm. Cantrell was really over-age, but volunteered and served with the Union as a spy. One time during the war, the Confederates were hunting for him. He had slipped home and had been alerted in time. He hid under the floor of a part of the house, that the dogs crawled under in bad weather, and was not discovered. Wm. Cantrell died in 1868.

They were the parents of fifteen children, some of them dying in infancy.

Edith Pearl, daughter of Josiah S. and Clara Alice Cantrell, was born in the Vernon community, on the Cantrell farm.

Edith Pearl was married to Paul Knight Laidlaw, December 31, 1912.

Paul K. Laidlaw 1890-1957

Pearl Cantrell Laidlaw 1894-1973

They were the parents of three children; Hubert Thomas, born June 6, 1914, Paul Cantrell Laidlaw, born December 1, 1918, and Alice Catherine, March 31, 1920.

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Hubert Thomas married Ramola Hammons, in June, 1940. Their children are, Hubert Thomas, Jr. (H.T.) and Linda Lou.

Paul C. Laidlaw married Doris Myers. They had one son Paul Stanley.

Later Paul C., was married to Martha Perrin. They have one son Thomas W. Laidlaw.

Alice Catherine married Lawrence N. Smith, October 18, 1941. They have one son, Stephen Lawrence Smith.

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The story of the Laidlaw Family is a complete story by itself that we will give in another issue.

Much if the story of the Cantrell Family was taken from the genealogy record accumulated by Alice Cantrell Lamb.

WINDY POINT — DISTRICT No. 63 — School.

On a fairly high hill along the north side of the N.E. quarter of section 30, Twp. 23, R. 14, a small school house was built. This school was built on the quarter section that had been homesteaded by James W. Maclaskey. He had purchased the land in 1876, but did not start his homestead until 1880.

The school was also known as the Maclaskey school.

Around 1904-05, when this schoolhouse was being rebuilt or remodeled the pupils for a time went to the Keck, Dist. No. 57. Quite a few pupils went to each school so that the Keck school house was rather crowded. Boards were put between the seats, closing off the aisles between them.

The Windy-Point School 1897. The teacher standing in the doorway was Arthur Pemberton. Floyd Maclaskey is holding his riding donkey. The back row at left is Clinton Wells, Hugh Campbell, Rhea Campbell, Archie Wells. Front row — Bill Steele, Mabel Griffith, Clarence Steele, and Irvin Campbell.

On October 5, 1896, an acre of land was plotted out for School District 63, on the James Maclaskey homestead in the northeast quarter of section 31, Twp. 23, Range 14, two miles from Coffey County and 2 1/2 miles from Greenwood County.

However school had been going on in that district for at least 15 years before that, according to the teachers record that started in 1881. Teachers starting that year were. These dates indicate starting in the fall.

1881, Geo. S. McCartney; 82, A.M. Ragle; 83, no record; 84, W.S. Layton; 85, Syldecia Mitchell; 86, J.W. Withers; 87, J. Jenkins; 88, Parker; 89, Ella Parker; 90, Jos. Webb; 91, Anna Wells; 93, Susie Curd; 94, Jennie Reed; 97, John Pemberton; 98, Emma Myers; 99, Ethel Rose; 1900, Ethel Rose; 1901, Susie Peake; 02, Anna Geparte; 03, 04, 05, Susie Peake; 10, Lucille Graham; 11,12, Kate States; 13, Amandine Andreas; 15, Kate States; 16, Nellie Burns; 17, Lela Burns; 18, 19, Pearl Winterscheid; 20, Florence Dreyer; 21, 22, Susie Peake.

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Meanwhile oil had been discovered in that vicinity. Oil rigs sprang up over quite an area. On the Winterscheid farm and also in the extreme northwest corner of the county. This brought in many oil field workers and then their families as many oil field houses were built. This called for more schoolhouse room. A new one room schoolhouse was built on the Winterscheid farm, in the northeast corner of the northwest quarter of section 6, Twp. 24, R. 14. The old Windy Point schoolhouse was placed on skids and with around four teams of horses pulling it was moved two miles west and a mile north. This was in 1923, when this took place.

District No. 63 became a two-school district. The schoolhouse on the Winterscheid was known as 63-1, with Susie Peake teaching the first term there. The other one was 63-2, with Gussia Holmquest as the first teacher. This was known as the Oilfield school. These teachers each taught two years 1923-24. 1925, Margie Englebrecht taught 1 and Caroline Salen 2. '26 Margie Englebrecht and Alberta Smith; 1927, Margie Englebrecht and Mabel Sommers. '28, Goldie Williams and Mabel Sommers; 1929, Same teachers. 1930, Nellie Manifold and Myrtle Smith. Here again the school district went back to one school and one teacher, and school used was the one on Winterscheids. The oil field population to northwest shifted more to the northwest where a large schoolhouse was built near the St. Louis Oil fields, in Greenwood County.

1931, 32, 33 terms were taught by Nellie Manifold; 1934, 35 were taught by Mae Turner. The old Windy Point School was torn down and a part of the lumber used in making a two room - two teacher school at Winterscheid.

The school meanwhile had been renamed as Oil Glen. The first teachers in the new two-teacher school were Mae Turner and Bertie Swilley in two terms, 1936, 37. 1938, Bertie Swilley and Hazel Old. 1939, 40 terms, Mrs. Dorsey Kerr and Hazel Old. 1941, Hazel and Deane Campbell. Again there was a change as the number of pupils decreased and went back to a one-teacher school.

1942, Ruth Rosene (she resigned and term was finished by Wilma Watts); 43, 44 Nellie Manifold; 45, 46 Frances Moyer; 47, 48, Letha Stockebrand. As the school population seemed to flucuate the next two terms went back to the two-teacher schoolroom, 1949, 50, Elizebeth Clawson and Florence Sicka. Then back to one teacher as Mrs. Florence Sicka taught alone for the next four terms, 1951, 52, 53, 54. For the next term there would only be three scholars to go to Oil Glen, so the board decided that the school that had at its peak in the oil boon, over 40 pupils, would close.

Oil Glen School, 1940. Starting with the teachers, Hazel Old, Dorsey Kerr. Three girls next to Hazel, Beverly Tinkler, Betty Dewey, Juanita Downum. Others left to right as they come, Roy Larson, Bill Scales, Charlene Morrow, Calvin Dreyer, Junior Bergsten, Jean Kneisley, Priscilla Dreyer, Donna Dewey, Wilma Wells, Priscilla Lane, Rose Marie Lane, unknown, Eugene Downum, Edward Winterscheid, Betty Martin, unknown, James Miller, Floyd Martin, Dick Winterscheid.

THE HERMAN LAUBER FAMILY —

From being a member of an honor guard at the home of Kaiser Frederick in Germany to a farmer along Big Sandy Creek in Woodson County in a short time was the experience of Herman Lauber.

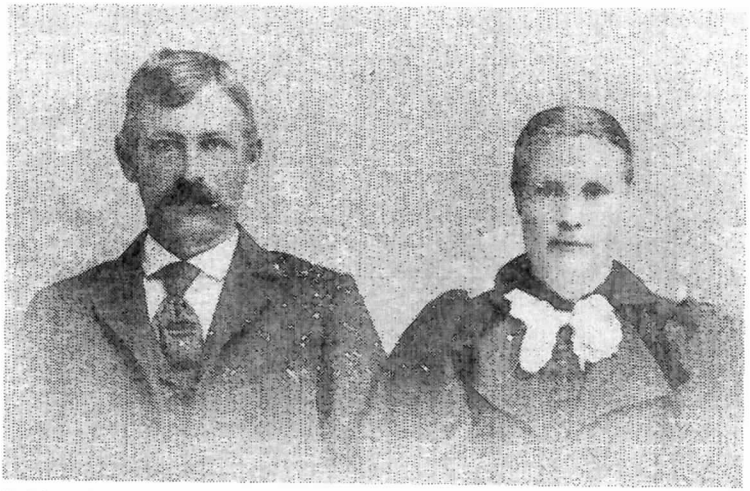
He was born near Hereford, Germany, February 1, 1855. As a young man he served in the German Army. Being a tall, well built young man he was chosen for a member of that honor guard.

Having relatives in Woodson County, Kansas, Mr. Lauber decided to come to America. While living in Germany he became acquainted with a young lady, Miss Elizebeth Holtz, who was a native of Essen, Germany. They were married February 7, 1880.

The following year found them in Woodson County, where Mr. Lauber worked on farms of his friends and relatives.

In 1883, he purchased a farm in Belmont Township, with Big Sandy Creek running through it. The farm, the southwest quarter of section 7, Twp. 26, R. 15 and was purchased from T. L. Wambsley.

Herman Lauber was an energetic, well-liked man and soon prospered. As his family grew they all fit into the affairs of that community and county.



Evidently the wedding picture of Herman Lauber and wife Elizebeth. They were the parents of seven children two dying in infancy. The three sons were Charles H., Elmer H., and Oscar H. Two daughters, Minnie and Marie. These five all were born, grew up, attended the Mt. Pleasant school, the Christian Sunday School at Mt. Pleasant Schoolhouse. All of them married local youth and lived the most of their life in that locality.

Charles married Dora Steinforth. Their home was along lower Big Sandy. Their children were; Glenn, Myrtle and Edna.

Glenn married Maxine Hartman.

Myrtle married George Winters.

Edna married Byrl Mitchell.

Elmer was married to Clara Fulhage. Their children were Melvin and Wilma. Their farm joined that of his father.

Melvin married Twyla Puckett. Their children are Rick and Daryl. Melvin passed away Dec. 26, 1964.

Wilma married August Backus. Their children are Karen and Gary.

Marie Lauber married Charles Wix. They were the parents of four boys, Wentworth, Myron, Kenneth and Boyd. Kenneth married Earlene Kee. We did not learn who the others married.

Minnie Lauber married Leslie Puckett. They had no children.

Oscar H. Lauber married Dessie Gillespie. They spent the most of their married life on the old homestead. They had two sons, Billie and Oscar Leon.

Billie married Jean Clement. Their children are Gerald and Janna.

Oscar Leon married Lila Weston. Their children are David and Jeffrey.

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"Certificate of Declaration of Intention to Become a Citizen." Issued by W. E. Hogueland, Clerk of the District Court Seventh Judicial District.

Hermann Lauber, who being by me first duly sworn according to law declares he is a native of Germany and that he now resides in Woodson County, State of Kansas, and that he is 28 years of age and that this is his bona fide intention to become a citizen of the United States and does hereby renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatsoever, and principly to the Emperor of Germany, of which he is now a subject.

(Signed) Hermann Lauber

Sworn and subscribed before me this fifth day of November, A.D. 1883.

(Signed) W.E. Hogueland, Clerk

CENTENARIANS LIVING IN YATES CENTER —

There are at least two people living in Yates Center that have passed their 100th birthday.

"Supposedly I'm the oldest woman in Kansas," remarked Mrs. Grace Downey at the time she celebrated her 104th birthday on October 16, 1976.

At the time of her 100th birthday, Mrs. Downey wrote in longhand several pages of "A Short Story of My Life." We will quote from some of this story. She was born Grace E. Hyde, Oct. 16, 1872, near Vevay, Indiana, just seven miles from the beautiful Ohio River.

"In those days we had no roads as we have today, no telephones, no radios, no TV's, no electric lights. We burned coal and wood for heat. I never saw a loaf of bakers bread till I was grown. There were eight of us children, all grew to manhood and womanhood on the same farm."

When she was nearly grown Grace Hyde helped the neighbors through harvest and received $1.00 a week, ate breakfast and supper by the light from coal oil lamps. "But we were all healthy and enjoyed life to the fullest."

On November 16, 1890, Grace E. Hyde was married to Edwin C. Downey and lived four years on his farm.

In 1894, Mr. and Mrs. Downey having no children decided to move west, and came to Kansas. Here their three children were born, Mildred Lacey, who lived several years at Yankton, S.D., but makes her home now near her mother. Russell Downey, and Pauline Vanwormer, who passed away at an early age. Beside her children Mrs. Downey has four grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren and thirteen great, great grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Downey celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1940. He passed away just seven months later. It has been almost 78 years since the Downeys came to Yates Center. They were in the grocery and meat market business on the square for 32 years.

Mrs. Downey has a picture of all the presidents of the United States and has a mark at the first one she remembers. She was born during the first term of U.S. Grant. Following in order from then were, President Haye, Garfield, Arthur, Cleveland, Harrison, McKinley, T.R. Roosevelt, Taft, Wilson, Harding, Coolidge, Hoover, F. Roosevelt, Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, Ford and now Carter. Quite a record of remembering 20 different presidents of the United States during one's lifetime.

Grace Downey

Mrs. Grace Downey on her 104th birthday. Mrs. Downey lives in her own apartment. Her daughter Mrs. Mildred Lacey, lives in an apartment just above her. Due to illness Mrs. Downey was at Autumn Manor for a month, but came back to her own apartment.

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Mrs. Stella Vermillion

It was on January 2, 1878, that a baby girl was born to William H. and Dilbe Frances Hards, in Montgomery Co., Iowa. She was given the name of Stella Ann.

On January 2, 1976, just 100 years later a birthday party was given in her honor at Autumn Manor Nursing Home where she has made her residence for several years.

In 1881 when Stella Ann was five years old the family moved to Kansas in a covered wagon. They crossed the Missouri River at Rulo, Nebraska, on a ferry boat drawn across the river by cable and windlass. The power pulling the ferry was a large mule. They came to Muscolah, Kansas, where they lived for several years, then moving to near Holton.

Here Stella Ann met a young man named William Logan Vermillion. They were married October 1, 1894, and left for Platte City, Mo., by team and buggy. Later they moved back to Nebraska, then to near St. Joseph, Mo.

Early in 1915, Mr. and Mrs. Vermillion and five children moved to Woodson County, to a farm on Turkey Creek, eleven miles northwest of Yates Center. Each of their five children had the initials V.V.V. They were Varney Vincent , Virgil Van, Vera Verdette, Victor Verdon and Vivian Violet.

Mrs. Stella Vermillion on her 100th birthday. On January 2, 1977, she was 101 years of age.

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Mrs. Vermillion has outlived her three oldest children, Varney, Virgil and Vera. The families of the children are;

Varney married Ruth. They were parents of five boys and one girl.

Virgil married Mable Steele. They were the parents of five children.

Vera married Floyd Randall. Their children are two girls, Marjorie and Mardell.

Victor married Orpha Dirks. They are the parents of two children.

Vivian married Grant Taylor. They have no children.

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Mr. Vermillion and the boys ran a threshing machine for several years over Woodson County. Varney, Virgil Vermillion and Floyd Randall were all veterans of World War I.

Mr. Vermillion and Victor operated a garage at the west end of Yates Center for a while in 1920.

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Mrs. Stella Vermillion has 15 grandchildren, 29 great grandchildren and 16 great, great grandchildren.

The Peter Welch Family —

Along in the spring of 1859, a caravan of several covered wagons came to a stop and went into camp along Buffalo Creek just to the west of where the town of Buffalo, Kansas now is located. It was rather a family caravan and had not made a very long journey - coming from Vernon County, Missouri.

The leader of the wagon train was Peter Welch, who at that time was 48 years old. He was a native of Kentucky, but had drifted west at an early age. Going to Jackson County, Mo., Welch became with the David Creek family, especially a young lady of that family.

The David Creek family had come to Jackson County, Mo., sometime prior to 1830.

On the sixth day of June, 1833, at the age of 22 years, Peter Welch was married to Miss Philadelphia Creek at the home of her father, David Creek. Shortly after their marriage, Peter Welch and his bride moved to Vernon County, Mo. Philadelphia Creek Welch was born in Warren County, Kentucky, and had came to Mo., with her parents.

Peter and Philadelphia Welch lived and farmed in Vernon Co., Mo., not far from Nevada, Mo. They lived there about 26 years, and were the parents of 22 children. Eight of these children evidently died in infancy.

Martha Jane Welch, the oldest daughter was married and did not come to Kansas with the rest of the family. Of the eight that died, three were boys and five girls.

As mentioned Peter Welch was 48 years old when coming here, his wife Philadelphia was 45. Other listed as coming with them and ages were; James, 20, Mary, 18, Elizebeth, 16, Henry, 15, Elvira Ann, 13, Sarah Amelia, 11, Asenith Isabell, 9, Philadelphia, 8, Peter and Simon (twins), 7, Jasper, 6, another source gave this last name as Joseph.

The oldest son William J. Welch, and wife Ann, and family, and Nathan Welch, wife Margaret and family were all a part of the wagon train coming here.

William was 23, wife Ann was 21, Sarah 1. A son Thomas was born August 15, 1859, shortly after they came here and was listed as the first white child born in the Buffalo vicinity.

Children of Nathan coming with the wagon train were Jasper and James. Another son John was born the first winter after they came to what was at that time the southern part of Woodson County.

Around twenty-one people were in the Welch family wagon train as it came to what was then the southern part of Woodson County.

The southern part of Woodson County and the northern part of Wilson County was at that time and for several years later known as the Osage Indian Trust Land and was not open for pre-emption. However, that did not keep the settlers and homesteaders from coming into the area, staking out their claims and building cabins.

The claim that Peter Welch settled on was just to the west of where the town of Buffalo was later built. The east branch of Buffalo Creek wound through most of his claim. The west "forty" of this claim was where the Buffalo Brick Plant was later established. We do not know exactly where the sons of Peter Welch located but was evidently close by as Welch and two sons were reported as being the first permanent settlers in that part of the county.

However as the Welch family started to build their log cabin about a half mile up the creek was the log cabin of George L. Gould, who had came to the area along the East Branch of Buffalo Creek just previous to the coming of the Welch family.

And as they were making a home here along Buffalo Creek they found that their post office and nearest trading post was about seven miles north and three west to the town of Belmont, Kansas Territory, at a crossroads along the Fifth Standard Parallel.

The first wedding in this new locality was that of Catherine (Mary) Margaret Welch and Nathan Quisenberry, on September 2, 1860. The Quisenberry's homesteaded about a mile south of the town of Belmont and on the west side of the road.

The family of Peter Welch soon became quite a part of that community. They had came from the pro-slavery state of Missouri, and had been here about two years when the Civil War broke out. Several sons and sons-in-law of Peter Welch took a part.

The oldest son William was reported to have been killed in November, 1861, but was not known where or with what outfit. He may have returned to Missouri. Another son Henry Welch, died in service at Leavenworth. With the organizing of a company of militia at the town of Belmont and the building of Fort Belmont, one son and three sons-in-law enlisted in Company G, 16th Regiment, Kansas State Militia, at Belmont.

Joseph Henry Gunby was Captain of the company, Nathan Quisenberry was 2nd Sergeant, James Welch was 3rd Sergeant, and Chester Gould a private in Company G. These men enlisted, trained and were discharged at Belmont.

Nathan Quisenberry and Catherine M. Welch were married in Verdigris township, by Wallace D. McCune, Justice of the Peace in that township.

Joseph H. Gunby and Elvira Welch were married February 18, 1862, by A. J. Rogers, Minister. Gunby later became a banker at Buffalo. More is told about Joseph Gunby in Vol. 6, No. 23, July, 1973 issue of "In The Beginning."

Chester Gould and Sarah A. Welch were married August 9, 1863, by A. J. Rogers, Minister of the Gospel.

A.J. Rogers was one of the first settlers in the Big Sandy Creek vicinity.

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Peter Welch and family made their home along Buffalo Creek into a fine farmstead with a large orchard, but as their children all grew up and mostly moved away, Peter and Philadelphia Welch evidently sold the old homestead and moved to near LaFountaine, in southwest Wilson County. They are both buried in the White Cemetery near LaFountaine.

At the present time the old Welch farmstead is almost completely gone, with very little to show that a large family once lived there.

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THE GEORGE GOULD FAMILY —

Whether the Gould family came with a wagon train we never learned, but they seemed to come to the area along the east branch of Buffalo Creek sometime in 1858. They had come here from Illinois.

Stopping along Buffalo Creek at that time were George Gould, his wife Charlotte, a daughter Sarah, and a son Chester. Sarah was 16 years old and Chester 15.

They had left another daughter Cynthia at Galesburg, Illinois to attend a girls school.

The 1860 census of Woodson County gives the birthplace of George and Charlotte Gould as Kentucky, but evidently went to New York. The birthplace of Sarah and Chester Gould was Watertown, Jefferson County, New York. Around 1850, the Goulds moved to Illinois.

When they came to Kansas in 1858, George Gould was 48 years old and his wife a year younger. They settled along Buffalo Creek about a mile south of the present Woodson County line. Their homestead joined on the north of the Peter Welch homestead. This was to the northwest of the present town of Buffalo. They built their log cabin along the west side of the creek where a small creek goes to the west.

This small creek mentioned above went by the name of Bloody Run and had its beginning in the hills to the north in Woodson County. During the settling of this area a man had stolen a horse from a man living along this branch, and had been caught and

hanged on a tree limb overhanging this branch-hence the name Bloody Run.

Not long after coming here, George Gould went back to Galesburg, Ill., to bring his daughter Cynthia out to the home in Kansas. Here she started teaching the first community school here. She was the first teacher in the Buffalo community. Cynthia later married a man named Campbell.

In the 1860's Indians would stop at the Gould home. George Gould would give them something such as a pig. The Indians called him "Good George." George Gould died in 1872 and is buried in the Buffalo Cemetery, as is his wife Charlotte.

We will take up some of the story of Chester Gould. He was born in Jefferson County New York and was about 15 years old when coming to the Buffalo Community with his parents in 1858.

At the time of his marriage to Sarah A. Welch in 1863 and his enlisting as a private in the Kansas State Militia at Belmont, his address was given as Belmont, Woodson County. Chester evidently took over the operating of his father's homestead as it was in a cabin just to the east of the original homestead that Chester Gould established a post office in 1867. A general store was also kept in conjunction with the post office.

The post office was named Buffalo for the creek on which the cabin was near. It is said that the village of Buffalo had its beginning with the establishment of this post office, and store. The story is also told that Buffalo Creek was named by George Gould, because of the many buffalo along the creek when he came here.

On the old Gould homestead, September 16, 1869, a son was born to Chester and Sarah Gould. He was given the name of Chester Theodore. On July 4, 1899, Chester T. Gould was married to Miss Lottie Hollandsworth. They later moved to Yates Center, where they operated restaraunts and cafe for several years. Gould was known mostly as "Tee" Gould. . .

C.T. and Lottie Gould were the parents of one son, Ted Gould, and a daughter, Lisa Rhea, who died at the age of seven months. Grandsons Don Lee and Theodore N.

PATRONS OF WOODSON COUNTY HISTORICAL QUARTERLY

Brown's Western Auto
John V. Glades Agency
Woodson Co. Co-op
Street Abstract Co. Inc.
State Exchange Bank
Schornick Oil Co.
Self Service Grocery
Krueger's Variety
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Beine
Hi-Way Food Basket
Bill Herman
Piqua Farmer's Co-op
Gualding Oil Co.
Donald E. Ward
Morton Equipment Co.
Swope & Son Implement Co.
Campbell Plumbing & Electric
Clyde Hill
Cantrell Buick-Pontiac
Paul C. Laidlaw
Rogers Bros. Garage
Charles H. Carpenter
Newtex Manufacturing Co.
J.C. Schnell
W. D. Smith & Son Furniture & Undertaking
Superior Building Supply, Inc.
Glenn Shaw
Pringle Ranch - J. W. & J. Richard
W.K. & Barbara Stockebrand
Herring Hardware & Supply
Woody's Cafe
Kimbell Ranch - Ed Kimbell
Edwin H. Bideau Associate Agencies - Chanute
Al's Jewelry
First National Bank - Toronto
Blackjack Cattle Co.
Wilma Mark
Yates Center Elevator
Jasper's Shopping Spot
Bill Taylor - Gen. Agent
Woodson Co. Farm Bureau
Atkin Clinic
Daly Western Supply
Pyeatte - Jaynes Ins. Agency
Dyer Chevrolet
Linde Barber Shop
House of Fabrics
Milton Wrampe
E.E. Light
Atkin Rexall Pharmacy
Gambles Friendly Store
Campbell Funeral Home
Mr. & Mrs. Glen Baker
Piqua State Bank
Wendall McMurray
McGinty-Coffman Dept. Store
E. Guy Reid
J & W Manufacturing Co.
Everybody's Grocery